

REMARKS

In the Amendment, dated March 21, 2007, applicants amended claim 1 to recite that the polyolefin copolymer resin emulsion (c) has a particle size of 2000 nm or less. In the subsequent Official Action, the Examiner did not contest that the prior art (JP 10-175376) did not disclose at least this component. However, the Examiner maintained the rejection noting that applicants had not provided unexpected results or result-effectively. The Examiner then stated that if the results could be substantiated with objective evidence, the rejection would be overcome.

Pursuant to the Examiner's position in the Official Action, applicants are hereby providing a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by one of the named inventors. As may be seen from the Declaration, a further illustrative example of the invention is provided Experiment A which contains a polyolefin copolymer resin emulsion having a particle size of 1900 nm. The Declaration also refers to Example 1 of the present application which uses a polyolefin copolymer resin emulsion having a particle size of 400 nm. Examples 2-5 of the application use the same polyolefin copolymer resin emulsion. The Declaration also provides Comparative Example B which contains a polyolefin copolymer resin emulsion having a particle size of 2500 nm. The results of the same experiments described in the present application are set forth in the Table of the Declaration and it is clearly shown that the Comparative Example with particles outside of the claimed range exhibits inferior running stability, resistance to plasticizers and coating stability relative to Example 1 and Experiment 1. A more complete discussion of these results is set forth in paragraph 4 of the Declaration. Thus, applicants have now provided evidence of the type mentioned in the Official Action.

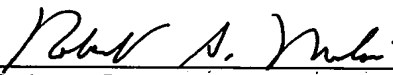
Since applicants have followed the kind suggestion by the Examiner in the submission of the Declaration, applicants respectfully request entry of the Declaration and reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

As a final matter, applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of the receipt of the certified copy of the priority application which has been received from the International Bureau as shown in the image file wrapper of PAIR.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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